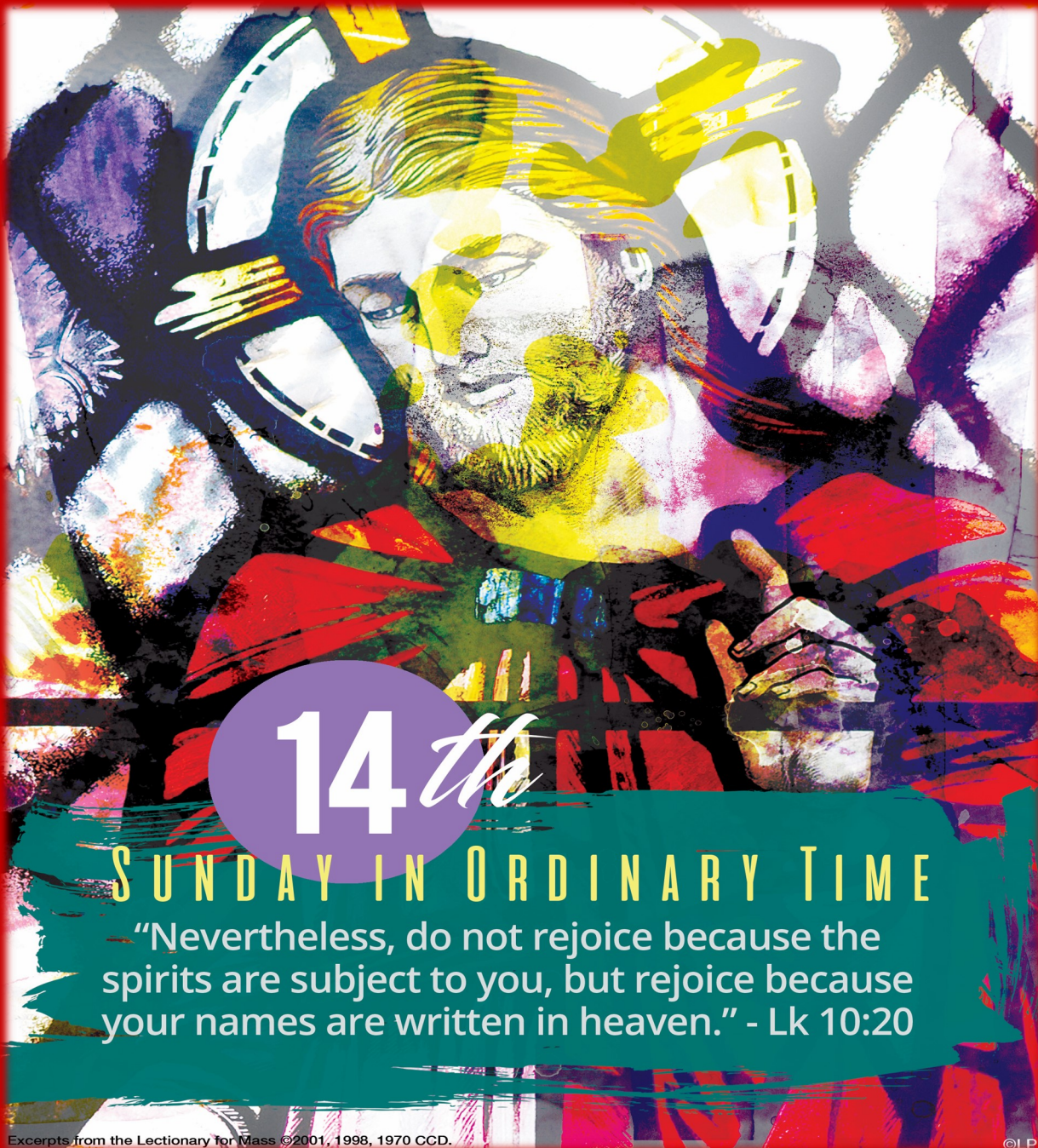




ST. PAUL PARISH

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 3, 2022



14th

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Nevertheless, do not rejoice because the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice because your names are written in heaven." - Lk 10:20

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ST. PAUL CHURCH

Monday-Saturday 8:00 a.m.- Daily Mass
Saturday 4:30 p.m.- Vigil Mass
Sunday 8a.m. & 10:30a.m.

ST. CLARE CHURCH

Eucharistic Adoration & Rosary
Monday-Friday 4p.m.-5p.m.
Rosary begins at 4:30 p.m.

Rev. Mon. Neil J. Van Loon, V.F., Pastor

Deacon John A. Hanni

St. Paul Staff

Rita Cicco - Director of Religious Education

Robert Fitzsimmons - Sacristan

Eugene Mentz - Director of Liturgical Music

Marci Stevens-Scanlon - Administrative Assistant

Phoebe Wilson - Operations Manager



ST. PAUL PARISH

St. Paul Church

Corner of Penn Avenue and
Marion Street, Scranton

St. Paul Rectory

1510 Penn Ave.,
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Office Hours ~ Mon-Fri

8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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St. Clare Church

2235 N. Washington Ave.

Adoration and Rosary

Monday ~ Friday

4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. ~

Rosary at 4:30 p.m.

FOOD PANTRY

12 p.m. ~ 1:30 p.m.

St. Clare Church Basement

JOIN US FOR MASS

Join us on Facebook at St.

Paul's Parish for our

Saturday 4:30 p.m.

live-streaming of the

Celebration of Mass.

Mass Schedule

8 am Mass ~ Mon.-Sat.

4:30 Mass ~ Sat. (Vigil)

Confessions - Sat.-4pm

8 am & 10:30 am ~ Sun.

**Sacrament of
Baptism**

All first time parents are
asked to attend
a baptismal preparation
meeting prior
to the Baptism.
Please call the parish
office to schedule dates.

**Sacrament of
Matrimony**

A meeting with the
parish priest should
precede all other
wedding plans. Contact
the parish
office at least six months
before
date of the intended
marriage.

**Sacrament of Holy
Anointing**

All who are seriously sick,
hospitalized,
or having surgery can
receive this sacrament.
Please call the rectory
if you wish to be
anointed.

Sponsor Cards

Sponsor cards for
Baptism or Confirmation
will be issued to
parishioners who attend
Mass regularly;
are Baptized and
Confirmed Catholics;
are married in
conformity with the
laws of the Church.

**PRAYER FOR
INDEPENDENCE DAY**

God, source of all freedom,
this day is bright with the
memory of those who declared
life and liberty are your gift to
every human being.

Help us to continue a good
work begun long ago.

Make our vision clear and our
will strong: that only in human
solidarity will we find liberty,
and justice only in the honor
that belongs to every life
on earth.

Turn our hearts toward the
family of nations: to understand
the ways of others, to offer
friendship, and to find safety
only in the common good of all.

We ask this through Christ
our Lord.
Amen.

- Prayer from "Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers"



On this Independence Day we are
reminded of all those who have sacrificed
for our freedom, following the example of
your Son, Jesus Christ.

Let us not take our freedom, both physical
and spiritual, for granted.

May we always remember that our freedom
was purchased with a very high price.

Our freedom cost others their very lives.
Lord, today, bless those who have served
and continue to give their lives for our
freedom. With favor and bounty meet their
needs and watch over their families.

Help us to live our lives in a way that
glorifies you, Lord. Give us the strength to
be a blessing in someone else's life today,
and grant us the opportunity to lead others
into the freedom that can be
found in knowing Christ.

Amen

ST. PAUL MASS INTENTIONS

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, July 2 **Vigil: Fourteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

4:30 p.m. † **Matthew McCabe** (McCabe, Kelly & Holmes Families)

Sunday, July 3 **Fourteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. † **Members of the Parish**
† **James Scanlon** (Krupski Family)

10:30 a.m. † **Carol Pappas** (Family)

Monday, July 4 **Weekday**

8:00 a.m. † **Maryanne Donohue** (Joe & Family)

Tuesday, July 5 **Weekday**

8:00 a.m. † **Tony & Jennie Nicosia** (Son, Tony)

Wednesday, July 6 **Weekday**

8:00 a.m. † **James Volz** (Peggy O'Keefe)

Thursday, July 7 **Weekday**

8:00 a.m. † **Susan McAllister** (Tim & Susan Foley)

Friday, July 8 **Weekday**

8:00 a.m. † **Intentions of Dr. Arthur Jordan**
(Ed & Katie Veety)

Saturday, July 9 **Vigil: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary time**

8:00 a.m. † **James Volz** (Jack & Mary Cummings)

4:30 p.m. † **Jacqueline Heelan** (Peggy O'Keefe)

Sunday, July 10 **Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. † **Members of the Parish**
† **Beatrice Golden** (Family)

10:30a.m. † **Jim Boles** (Anne & Family)

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the souls of those recently departed.

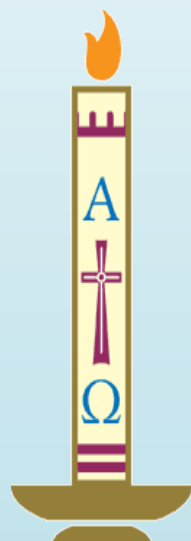
May all the souls of the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace.



MEMORIALIZING A LOVED ONE

You may memorialize a loved one by having the candles lit at St. Paul's Church for the week & noted in our bulletin. Please call the rectory for more information

REMEMBERED AT THE ALTAR:



St. Paul's Sanctuary Candle

† **Helen Fitzsimmons**

With Love From:
Joann Pasko & Family

St. Paul's St. Joseph Candle

In Loving Memory of:

† **Patrick B. Dougher**

With Love From:
Angeloni Family

St. Paul's Marian Candle

In Loving Memory of:

† **Clare & Clarence Granville**

With Love From:
The Miller & Granville Families



St. Paul's Wine and Hosts

In Loving Memory of:

† **Edward O'Malley**

PLEASE NOTE: PANTRY HOURS HAVE CHANGED FOR THE SUMMER

Pantry Summer Hours: Fridays 12-1:30pm

Food Pantry Volunteers for Friday July 1

*Janet Lucas, Jane Strobino, Judy Sweeney,
Jody Maloney & Barbara Burkhouse*

Food Pantry Donations:

In Loving Memory of: **Paul Harrington**

With Love,
Daughter, Megan

In Loving Memory of: **Alice Webb**

With Love,
Tom & Karen Kelly

In Loving Memory of: **Jean Kane**

Hennemuth
With Love,
Judy Sweeney

In Loving Memory of: **Edward O'Malley**

With Love,
**Liz Connery &
Brian Finnerty**



2022 MASS BOOK INTENTIONS

Praying the Mass and offering Masses for our loved ones ~ living or deceased, is a great gift especially for the souls of the faithful departed. The 2023 Mass Intention Book will be open for requests on Friday July 22, 2022

Thank you for your generosity & support!

June 26, 2022

Offertory: \$4,744.00

Online: \$2,313.00



**FIRST TIME PARENTS
BAPTISMAL CLASS**

**All first time parents are asked to
request instruction before having
your child baptized.**

Call 570-961-1549 to register!



SAVE TIME & DONATE ONLINE:

We are so very grateful to all who financially sacrifice every week to support our parish and its ministries! We are especially grateful to those who faithfully use their weekly parish contribution envelopes. However, if you find that you tend to forget your envelope more often during the less structured weeks of summer or if you know you will be away for the Summer, please consider our electronic giving program. Go to stpaulscranton.org scroll to the bottom of the page and click the online giving link. You can create an account in minutes and set up weekly or monthly contributions with ease. You can also stop or pause payments at any time! For more info or help, call 570-961-1549.



An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, And I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.



Have you ever paid attention to the purification of the sacred vessels after Holy Communion?

If you haven't, I highly recommend doing so this Sunday. See the care with which the priest handles the chalice and the paten, pouring water into them to cleanse any loose particles of the Body and Blood of Christ. Observe the loving reverence he uses in wiping them dry with a special purificator. It's a ritual unto itself, and a powerful moment for reflection.

These vessels begin as earthly objects. They are made by human hands. There is nothing special about them -not until they go about the work for which they have been created. Until they contain the Body and Blood of Christ, they are only ordinary objects. But after they have carried within them the Eucharist, they are never the same. They will always be special and deserving of care.

That's why partaking of the Eucharist is, for us, an evangelical undertaking. It is both a transformation and a declaration. When we accept this tremendous gift, we are proclaiming what we believe, and we are accepting the grace to follow through on that commitment.

When we are receiving the Eucharist, it is not possible for us to be passive. We become the vessel. We carry Christ into the world with us.

But do we act like it? Do we treat ourselves — our bodies, our souls — with the same respect as the priest cleansing the chalice? Do we treat one another with the reverence we would reserve for a sacred object? When we look at another person with anger or irritation or envy, do we acknowledge the change that we have willingly undergone by receiving Christ's Body and Blood into ourselves? — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

CALLED TO MAKE THE KINGDOM A REALITY

When we think about the great saints of our Catholic tradition, we realize that they very often come in pairs: Paul and Barnabas, Perpetua and Felicity, Benedict and Scholastica, Francis and Clare of Assisi, Vincent de Paul and Louise de Marillac, to name only a few examples. Even within my own Salvatorian community, we often see our founder, Blessed Francis Jordan, paired with Blessed Mary of the Apostles (of the Salvatorian Sisters). To the list of martyrs and consecrated religious women and men, we can also add married couples like Isidore the Farmer and Maria or Louis and Zelie Martin (the parents of Saint Thérèse of Lisieux) — husbands and wives who proclaimed and lived their faith through the daily witness of their marriage vows and family commitments.



In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus sends out seventy-two of his disciples in pairs to "every town and place he intended to visit." These disciples were to let the local communities know that Jesus and the Apostles were on their way. They were being asked to evangelize — to announce the "Good News" that Jesus was coming. (Remember that our word "evangelize" comes from the Greek word evangelion, which originally meant a joyful announcement — good news — that a king was coming to visit or that a military battle had been won.) And the message, the evangelion, that Jesus had instructed the disciples to proclaim was simple: "The Kingdom of God is at hand for you." Here. Now.

The disciples' journey and their announcement of the coming of the Kingdom — and of the King himself — was the action. But what was bubbling beneath the surface, within the hearts and souls of those early evangelizers? It was their faith in and relationship with Jesus and with one another. When Jesus sent out those pairs of disciples as "laborers for his harvest," he wanted them to work together, to share their faith, support and encourage one another when the journey was difficult, and to witness to the fact that to be a disciple of Jesus calls for collaboration and community. This is why we see so many saints — including those listed above — working collaboratively to fulfill their mission. This Gospel passage reminds us that living our faith with integrity means that we express what is going on in the depths of our hearts and souls in and through our words and actions.

We can't live out our faith or exercise our ministries within a vacuum.

In this passage, we also hear Jesus teaching an important lesson in relationships by urging the disciples to pay attention to the response of the people they were visiting. Yes, they were to share their message about the coming of the Kingdom, but he also wanted them to watch and listen — to be in relationship with the people they visited, to be sensitive to how the Good News was being received and to act accordingly. Keeping this in mind not only helps to be sure that the Gospel is being proclaimed effectively, but it also allows us to be sensitive to the "signs of the times" and the needs of the communities we are called to serve.

In the end, the mission of the disciples was to proclaim the faith they held within their hearts and invite others — all others — to join them in building up God's Kingdom as faithful disciples. Faith and action came together in relationships — the communion and community of the Kingdom of God. The Gospel demands that we, as Christians — collaborating disciples proclaiming our interior faith through our public works of mercy and justice — make ourselves available for the task of making the Kingdom a reality within our families, parishes, communities, and country. -Bro. Silas Henderson, SDS



In need of a fresh renewal of your spirit? Our Diocesan Catholic Charismatic Renewal is sponsoring its annual conference, at the University of Scranton, during the weekend of August 5-7. This year's theme is: **"O magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt His name together" Psalm 34:3.** The Conference will feature a variety of inspiring speakers and uplifting music. Mass is celebrated each day. A well-stocked book/gift store will be available. The full-weekend Registration Fee is \$65. Single and partial-day registrations are available during the weekend on-site. **For more information and Registration Forms, please go to ccrscranton.org/conference or call us at 570-344=2214.**

Mass in Remembrance of Victims of Violent or Tragic Death

The Diocese of Scranton is offering the annual Mass in remembrance of victims of violent or tragic death. This Mass is offered for the families and friends of those who have died in tragedy, especially through murder, suicide, and accident.

The Mass is scheduled for Thursday, July 28, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in Saint Peter's Cathedral, 315 Wyoming, Scranton. All persons who have lost a loved one through tragic and traumatic death are invited to this liturgy. The mass will be televised on CTV.

We ask that the names of deceased loved ones are registered on registration forms which are available in the parish office or on the Diocese of Scranton's website: www.dioceseofscranton.org. All forms must be received by July 22, 2022.



* Registration forms are also located at the back of the church

O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties.

Guide us as we strive to make our parish communities places of welcome and assistance for mothers in need. Help us become instruments of God's love and compassion.

Mary, Mother of the Church, graciously help us build a culture of life and a civilization of love, together with all people of good will, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life. *Amen.*



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21st annual Lebanese-American Food Fest

Dates: August 12,13,14, 2022

Fri. & Aug 12 & 13th: 4 - 9pm
Sun. Aug 14th: 1 - 7pm

St. Joseph Melkite Greek-Catholic Church

130 N. St. Frances Cabrini Ave
(off lower Jackson St)
West Scranton, PA

Take Out, Curbside or seating
Great Lebanese Food and pastries, Local picnic food favorites, variety baskets.

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